

## Message Text

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R 201352Z JUN 78  
FM AMEMBASSY WARSAW  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5738  
INFO AMCONSUL KRAKOW POUCH  
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TAGS: PINT PGOV PL  
SUBJ: LEADERSHIP CHANGE IN PZPR CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

REF: WARSAW 5016 (NOTAL) PARA 14

1. PRESS COVERAGE OF THE JUNE 13-17 VISIT OT  
POLAND BY PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY SECRETARY  
GENERAL CUNHAL (SEPTTEL) INDICATES THAT RICHARD  
FRELEK HAS RELINQUISHED HIS POSITION AS DIRECTOR

OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF THE PZPR CENTRAL  
COMMITTEE WHILE REMAINING A PARTY SECRETARY. THE  
NEW HEAD MVTHE FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT IS WACLAW  
PIATKOWSKI, WHO RECENTLY RETURNED TO WARSAW AFTER  
SERVING AS POLISH AMBASSADOR TO THE FRG.

2. COMMENT: THE PRESS REPORTS CONFIRM ROMORS PREVALENT

RECENTLY THAT FRELEK WOULD GIVE UP THE CC FOREIGN  
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AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT POSITION FOR HEALTH REASONS.  
AS NOTED, HE REMAINS A PARTY SECRETARY.

3. THE CHANGE IN THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT  
LEADERSHIP APPARENTLY WAS MADE, AT LEAST FORMALLY,  
ONLY THE THE PAST FEW DAYS. IN THE PZPR'S MORE RECENTLY  
REPORTED PARTY-

TO-PARTY CONTACTS BEFORE CUNHAL'S VISIT, NAMELY  
THOSE WITH THE LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS OF YUGOSLAVIA  
DURING GIEREK'S JUNE 2-3 VISIT TO THAT COUNTRY,  
DEPUTY HEAD OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT LUCJAN  
PIATKOWSKI (AS FAR AS WE KNOW, NO RELATION TO WACLAW) TOOK  
PART. AN INTER-PARTY MEETING OF THAT SIGNIFICANCE  
WOULD SEEM TO HAVE CALLED FOR PARTICIPATION BY THE  
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR RATHER THAN THE DEPUTY IF THE  
DIRECTOR WAS AVAILABLE. AS NOTED IN THE REFTEL,  
FRELEK RETURNED TO WORK ONLY AROUND JUNE 12 AFTER  
A LONG BOUT OF ILLNESS. IN MY CONVERSATION WITH  
PM JU

13 (REFTEL) HE DID NOT MENTION HAVING GIVEN UP THE  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT DIRECTORSHIP. HIS RETENTION  
OF THE POSITION OF PARTY SECRETARY OF COURSE MEANS  
THAT HIS STANDING IN THE PZPR HIERARCHY PROBABLY IS  
LARGELY UNAFFECTED BY THE CHANGE. FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH,  
FRELEK ALSO APPARENTLY IS KEEPING HIS POSITION AS  
CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE  
SEJM. END COMMENT.  
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